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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S COMMENTS ON MPLA RECOGNITION

1. SECRETARY APPEARING MARCH 4 BEFORE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE IN OPEN SESSION WAS ASKED WHAT ELSE IS NECESSARY "ACCORDING TO YOUR STANDARDS" FOR U.S. TO RECOGNIZE MPLA AS ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT. SECRETARY RESPONDED:

2. (BEGIN QUOTE) I HAVE MADE CLEAR VERY FREQUENTLY THAT OUR OBJECTION WAS NOT TO MPLA. OUR OBJECTION WAS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MASSIVE SOVIET AND CUBAN INTERVENTION. WE ARE PREPARED

TO COOPERATE WITH ANY AFRICAN GOVERNMENT EMERGING BY
AFRICAN METHODS.

3. WE IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED THE FRELIMO IN MOZAMBIQUE
WHICH IN IDEOLOGY IS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT FROM
THE MPLA. AND THEREFORE AS A MATTER OF NATIONAL POLICY
THERE IS EVERY PROSPECT OF OUR DEALING WITH MPLA IN
ANGOLA ONCE IT IS CLEAR THAT THEY ARE INDEED AN AFRICAN
GOVERNMENT AND NOT TOTALLY BEHOLDEN TO FOREIGN INFLUENCES.

4. SO WE WILL BE CONSULTING VERY CLOSELY WITH MANY BLACK
AFRICAN STATES, WITH ZAIRE, WITH ZAMBIA, WITH NIGERIA, TO

TO FIND OUT HOW WE COULD MOST APPROPRIATELY CONTRIBUTE TO
LETTING ANGOLA PLAY AFRICAN ROLE. IT IS IN THAT CONTEXT
WE HAVE NO ISSUE OF PRINCIPLE WITH IT.

5. I CANNOT GIVE YOU A PRECISE TIME FRAME BUT NOW THAT
OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE MOVED IN THAT DIRECTION WE WILL BE
HAVING CONSULTATIONS IN AN OPEN-MINDED WAY. (END QUOTE)
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